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1. On 15 September 1951, a troop train, including 15 boxcarloads of troops. 50X1-HUM

20 artillery pieces, 6 half-track vehicles and 45 trucks [redacted]

and a second troop train including 12 boxcarloads

of troops, 8 motorcycles, 2 amphibious cars, 11 trucks [redacted]

were loaded at Lieberose (N 52°E 79°) railroad

station. Both shipments left in the direction of Frankfurt/Oder. (1) On 16 September, a troop train, including 15 boxcarloads of troops, 20 AT guns

and 35 trucks [redacted] was loaded and left toward 50X1-HUM Cottbus. (2) On 25 and 26 September, three troop trains, which had arrived

from the direction of Frankfurt/Oder, were unloaded. The trains were carrying

the troops which had been entrained in Lieberose on 15 and 16 September.

On 28 September, a troop train with 20 boxcarloads of troops, 40 trucks

and 8 rocket launchers [redacted] 50X1-HUM

was loaded, and left toward Frankfurt/Oder. (3) On 16 September, the

Russian women in Camp Lieberose were issued uniforms. On 29 September, a train coming from the direction of Cottbus with 20 boxcarloads of troops, 18

AA guns and 40 trucks [redacted] were unloaded. (4) 50X1-HUM

Twelve rocket launchers [redacted] arrived

at the camp by road. (5)

2. On 18 September, a convoy of 60 trucks loaded with personnel, light armored

reconnaissance cars, 12 armored personnel carriers, 2 amphibious cars and

several jeeps was observed proceeding through Brandenburg (N 52°E 22°) toward

Hagen. [redacted]

3. The field exercises in the Delitzsch-Sitterfeld area were completed on 21 or

25 September. [redacted]

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10 motor vehicles were seen during the period from 25 to 27 September. On 24 September, two trains loaded with Volkspolizei were seen passing through Bitterfeld toward Leipzig. [redacted] the Volkspolizei 50X1-HUM had participated in this field exercise. (7)

[redacted] Soviet troops units arriving from the direction of Bernburg via Wittenberg and Schadow-letten were quartered in the Hackel hill area west of Cottbus (N 52/Z 57) in the night of 25 September. On 26 September [redacted] the 50X1-HUM area of the Hackel hill was cordoned off and [redacted] the field path from Schadow-letten to point 209 was rutted by tracks of many tanks and other vehicles. [redacted]

[redacted] Trucks and some rocket launchers were seen on the southern edge of the woods. On 3 October, no troops were seen in the Hackel hills. [redacted] the units, which had maneuvered there, were entrained in Schleidlingen on 2 October. [redacted] 50X1-HUM they are expected to return on 15 October. The farmers in Koenigsau were ordered to harvest their crops by 15 October since otherwise they would risk losing their crops. (8)

5. On 29 September, 9 JS tanks, [redacted] 1 field kitchen, 10 to 12 trucks [redacted] and about 300 troops were unloaded at Doeberitz (N 53/Z 65) railroad station. On 2 October, 15 to 20 trucks with billeting equipment were loaded. (9)

6. In late September, the German women who had been employed in the Soviet hospital east of the Neesen repair shop were given notice effective 1 October. They will be replaced by Russian women.

7. Sources learned from an employee of Sachsendorf Kaserne in Cottbus (N 52/Z 57) that the unit stationed in the installation is scheduled to return from Weisswasser prior to 20 October. (10)

8. On 2 October, a troop train with 6 boxcarloads of troops, 2 armored reconnaissance cars, 3 jeeps, 2 field kitchens and 19 trucks [redacted] was unloaded at the Eberswalde (N 53/V 08) railroad station. (11)

9. On 6 October, trucks [redacted] loaded with billeting equipment were seen leaving the Weisse Stadt settlement at Granitzburg (N 53/Z 67). Except for 4 trucks and 4 rocket launchers, the rocket launcher regiment carrying field equipment left the town for an undetermined destination on 6 and 9 October. On 9 October, nine prime movers, occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying field equipment, left the town. Each prime mover towed 100-mm AT guns. (12)

10. On 6 October, a bivouac was observed 400 to 500 meters west of the Wosenberg-Neustrelitz highway in the woods near Gross Trebow. No details were observed. The bivouac area extended for about 300 meters. On 3 October, a convoy of an undetermined number of 37-mm AA guns and trucks [redacted] was seen on the Kirow-Stralitz highway. (13)

11. On 8 October, 10 T-34 tanks, [redacted] 10 motorcycles and truck [redacted] were loaded at the Neustrelitz (N 54/U 54) freight station. (14)

12. On 23 September, 12 x 100-mm AT guns, 12 prime movers, 3 trucks [redacted] and 400 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia were loaded in Stendal (N 52/Y 85). The train left toward Magdeburg at 11 p.m. The units, which had left Stendal previously, had not yet returned. All the other units of the military post were in Stendal. (15)

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13. On 8 October, three troop trains were loaded in Doeberitz (N 53/2 65). 50X1-HUM  
 Seventeen AT guns and 40 trucks 50X1-HUM

were observed. [redacted] these trains were dispatched to Dessau. (16) On the same day, 12 T-34 tanks, which probably had come from the Flak Kaserne, were seen proceeding to the railroad station. [redacted] the tanks were allegedly bound for Gross Judicke near Rathenow. On 9 October, 4 SP guns, 4 JS-3 tanks and some T-34 tanks were seen proceeding from the railroad station to the Flak Kaserne. [redacted] the shipment had come from Alten- 50X1-HUM  
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Comment.

(1) The first troop train carried an artillery unit of the 7th Gds Mecz Div, and the second train was loaded with a unit of the same division and a headquarters unit of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army. 50X1-HUM

(2) This troop train which carried a unit of the 7th Gds Mecz Div is probably connected with the movement of units of this division to the Dessau-Bitterfeld area as observed during this period. The troops observed being unloaded on 25 and 26 September 1951 can only have been those that were carried in the trains dispatched toward Frankfurt/Oder but not the shipment dispatched toward Cottbus on 16 September. 50X1-HUM

(3) These loading operations were probably carried out by a unit of the 312th Gds RL Regt of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army. The shipment was probably dispatched to Eberswalde since the detrainment of a unit of this regiment was observed there on 29 September. 50X1-HUM

(4) This troop train, which probably carried a unit of the 283th Gds AAA Regt of the 7th Gds Mecz Div, possibly came from Mistorow and is possibly identical with the 5th shipment of the same division observed on 31 August 1951 in Lieberose. It is believed that this unit had been transferred to Mistorow for a four-week training course in AAA firing practice. 50X1-HUM

(5) The rocket launchers belong to the 7th Gds Mecz Div.

(6) [redacted]

(7) [redacted]

It was possibly a command post exercise, which began in mid-September 1951 with detached units of all six armies stationed in the Soviet Zone of Germany. According to the present report, motor vehicles observed on 28 September 1951 belonged to headquarters units and army troops, the 199th Light Arty Brig, an unidentified AAA division, the 11th Gds Mecz Div and the 6th Gds Tank Div, all belonging to the Third Gds Mecz Army; and to army troops of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army.

(8) The area [redacted] is between Stassfurt and Halberstadt. The 50X1-HUM units training in the Dessau-Bitterfeld area from the middle to the end of September 1951, were possibly quartered there. This assumption is supported by the reported direction from which the troops observed approached and motor vehicle [redacted] belongs to a headquarters unit of the 50X1-HUM Fourth Gds Mecz Army. 50X1-HUM

(9) [redacted] arrival of troops mainly composed of headquarters units of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army in Eberswalde. [redacted] It is possible that large-scale 50X1-HUM field exercises will be held in this area in the second half of October.

(10) The loading operation observed on 29 September 1951 was probably carried out by a unit of the 72d Gds Inv Tank Regt of the 1st Mecz Div. 50X1-HUM

(10) [redacted] the unit was the mechanized regiment of the 9th Mecz Div, which is assumed to be quartered in the Sachsen-dorf Kaserne, Kottbus, and which was observed [redacted] in Moiss- 50X1-HUM wasser in late September 1951. [redacted]

[redacted] on 20 October units of the 6th Gds Tank Div of the same army will also return to their military posts.

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(11) Most of the troops who detrained were headquarters units of the fourth Gds Pecz Army which possibly came from the Stassfurt-Halberstadt area.

(12) [redacted] The rocket launcher units observed leaving Oranienburg belong to an unidentified RL regiment of the Second Gds Pecz Army, and the 100-mm AT guns belong to an unidentified AT artillery brigade of the same army.

(13) The bivouac area, which is near Lake Tobiitz, was possibly occupied by units of the 9th Gds Tank Div from Neustrelitz. The trucks seen with the AAA unit observed on the road running beside the area belong to the 9th Gds Tank Div and the Second Gds Pecz Army.

(14) The truck belongs to a headquarters unit of the Second Gds Pecz Army.

(15) It is not impossible that the units observed being entrained in Stendal belong to the 700th (Cun?) Arty Regt of the 207th Ktz Rifle Div. Other components of this division left Stendal toward the south during the first half of September.

(16) The units observed being entrained belong to the 1st Pecz Div. From the statement that the trains were dispatched to Dessau it may be inferred that major exercises will be held in this area after mid-October and that the three trains observed on 6 October were carrying troops into the assembly areas laid down for these maneuvers.

(17) In mid September 1951, tank shipments of the 1st Pecz Div were observed enroute to Rathenow. The units participated in river-crossing practices near Albertsheim.

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